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Approved by:_____

RESOLUTION BY THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO
ENCOURAGE THE ELECTED JUDGES OF THE CRIMINAL COURTS, GENERAL
SESSIONS CRIMINAL COURTS, AND CIVIL COURTS TO COLLABORATE WITH
THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF TO DEVELOP ALTERNATE COURTROOM
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS THAT INCORPORATE THE USE OF PART-TIME
RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFFS. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER WYATT
BUNKER.

WHEREAS, Court security in Shelby County is the responsibility of the Sheriff and traditionally has been provided through the assignment of a specific number of full-time, permanent deputy sheriffs to each court room; and

WHEREAS, Staffing levels for the various courts has been determined through a collaborative effort between the Sheriff and Judges; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost of court room security for the forty-two separate courts is approximately eight million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County Government faces significant fiscal challenges for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, This Board of Commissioners deems it necessary to explore opportunities for potential cost savings in all areas County government, including court security; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's office has indicated that the use of part-time, retired deputy sheriffs as part of the court security staff complement could result in a cost savings to County government without negatively affecting court security.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the Board of Commissioners strongly encourage the Judges to work in a collaborative effort with the Sheriff to develop a security plan that utilizes some number of part-time, retired deputy sheriffs in lieu of full-time deputy sheriffs, thereby reducing the overall cost for courtroom security.

A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED:_____